



RIVERSIDE HOMELESS “GET CONNECTED” AT ONE-STOP SERVICE EVENT



On December 8th, 2006, the City and County of Riverside co-sponsored the city's first-ever “Project Homeless Connect” event. The event was hosted by Path of Life Ministries at the Riverside Emergency Shelter where over 250 homeless individuals and their families got connected to a wide variety of social and personal care services all in one location. This event was one of over three dozen held in cities across the country as part of National Project Homeless Connect week.

Riverside Project Homeless Connect brought together over 175 volunteers from 50 social service agencies, faith-based institutions and community service organizations to assist homeless individuals with real-time access to housing, employment, health care, mental health and substance abuse counseling, social security benefits, spiritual counseling. The event also featured specialized services for children, youth, veterans, and pets, along with lunch, entertainment, showers, foot care, and make-up. Haircuts were provided by 22 students from Riverside Community College Cosmetology Department. Results from the day included: 85 people connected with housing opportunities including shelter, transitional housing, rental assistance and housing authority vouchers; 42 people connected with jobs; 80 people assisted with social security applications; and 4 people provided with bus tickets home.

